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TAGS: PORG, MARR, LE, IS, NI

SUBJECT: SOUTH LEBANON: NIGERIAN PARTICIPATION IN UNIFIL

REF: LAGOS DAO 169

1. PURPOSE OF 19 APR 78 TELECON REFERENCED IN REFTEL WAS TO ESTABLISH TIMELY AND EFFECTIVE INFORMAL USUN-LAGOS COMMUNICATIONS AS AN ASSIST TO PRIOR PLANNING REQUIRED FOR AIRLIFT. SIMILAR COMMUNICATIONS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED BETWEEN USUN AND DAKAR, AND HAVE WORKED WELL.

2. IT IS APPARENT THAT THE CURRENT SITUATION WITH REGARD TO COMPLEXITIES OF AIRLIFTING CHANGES SO QUICKLY THAT THE SENEGALESE AND NIGERIAN MISSIONS TO THE UN HERE IN NY DO NOT HAVE CAPABILITY OF OBTAINING REQUIRED INFORMATION FROM HOME GOVERNMENTS AND PASSING TO UNNY IN TIMELY MANNER. DIRECT USUN-DAKAR COMMUNICATIONS IN WHICH THE DEPT. CONCURRED HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY ENHANCED UN'S KNOWLEDGE OF SITUATION AND, CONSEQUENTLY, UN'S ABILITY TO CONDUCT EFFECTIVE PLANNING.  
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3. WE SUGGEST SIMILAR COMMUNICATIONS BE ESTABLISHED BETWEEN USUN AND LAGOS ONCE UN HAS FORMALLY REQUESTED NIGERIAN PARTICIPATION IN UNIFIL (DEPT CONCURS). ALSO SUGGEST THAT ONCE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT HAS BEEN MADE, CABLE TRAFFIC PERTAINING TO DETAILS CONCERNING AIRLIFT BE UNCLASSIFIED IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE LIFT PLANNING.

4. CURRENT SITUATION IS THAT UN FIELD OPERATIONS SERVICE (UN-FOS) WILL REQUEST NIGERIAN MISSION'S (TO THE UN) PRESENCE AT A MEETING IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO DISCUSS THE PARAMETERS OF THE UNIFIL OPERATION. AT THAT TIME UN-FOS WILL ASK NIGERIAN MISSION IF IT DESIRES AN AIRLIFT. IF NIGERIAN GOVT IS PREPARED FOR SUCH A QUESTION, AND PREPARED TO DISCUSS AIRLIFT INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS CITED IN REFTEL, MOVEMENT OF THE NIGERIAN CONTINGENT INTO UNIFIL SHOULD BE MUCH EASIER, MORE EFFICIENT AND MORE EFFECTIVE. FULLY APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S VIEWS EXPRESSED IN REFTEL REGARDING NIGERIAN SENSITIVITY CONCERNING AIRLIFT REQUEST, BUT SUCH SENSITIVITY SHOULD BE AT LEAST PARTIALLY ALLEVIATED IF NIGERIANS CAN BE PREPARED IN ADVANCE FOR MEETING WITH UN-FOS. YOUNG

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